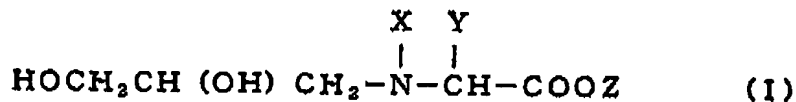


What is claimed is:

1. Cosmetics containing amino acid N-glyceryl derivative represented by the following formula (I) or salt thereof;



5 , wherein X represents hydrogen atom, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ group or alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, Y represents a side chain of α -amino acid, and Z represent hydrogen atom, alkali metal, ammonium, organic ammonium or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ group.

2. The cosmetics according to claim 1, wherein content of the
10 amino acid N-glyceryl derivative represented by the formula (I) or salt thereof is 0.1 to 20 % by weight to total weight of the cosmetic.

3. The cosmetics according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the amino acid N-glyceryl derivative represented by the formula (I)
15 or salt thereof is an glyceryl derivative of basic amino acid or salt thereof.

4. The cosmetics according to any one of claim 1 - 3, which are skin care cosmetics.

5. The cosmetics according to any one of claim 1 - 3, which
20 are hair cosmetics.

Abstract of disclosure

5 Skin care cosmetics, such as lotions, creams and milky lotions, and hair cosmetics, such as hair creams, hair conditioners, hair rinses and shampoos, being excellent in moisturizing effect, applicability, stability and safety and characterized in containing an amino acid N-glyceryl derivative produced by reacting neutral, basic or acidic α -amino acid or salt thereof with glycidol or 3-halo-1,2-propanediol.